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Title: Need to provide adequate funds for repair / maintenance of National

Highway No. 52 linking Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.− Laid.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): The NH-52, which is the lifeline to Arunachal Pradesh and Northern Assam linking Chinese border, is in dilapidated condition due to utter negligence of concerned authorities during last 25 years. Till now 196 km of this 550 Km road is single-lane have 21 wooden bridges with an average speed of vehicles running on this road as less than 20 Km/h particularly in certain stretches of Dhemaji district due to pot holes and not-existent riding surface. There is regular report of rolling down of vehicles due to dilapidated shoulder maintained far below the level of the road unable to hold two crossing vehicles. In absence of a road bridge on Simen river the railway bridge is being used for movement of vehicular traffic. It is surprising that no specific allocations were made for improvement and repair of this road to BRO during 10^{th} Plan. I therefore, urge upon the Planning Commission and PMO to ensure immediate allocation for repair, widening and strengthening of the road-cum-shoulder along with construction of a road bridge over Simen River to achieve minimum standard of NH. I also appeal to implement the construction of Lakhimpur bypass taken up during 1991 and construction of the bridge over Jiabharali to reduce the length of NH-52 by 25 km.